

Application No.: 10/591,711

Docket No.: 0104-0589PUS1

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-14 and 17, drawn to a device for producing container blanks; and

Group II, claims 15 and 16, drawn to a method of producing container blanks.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-14 and 17.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner persists in this requirement, Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional application at a later time, if so desired.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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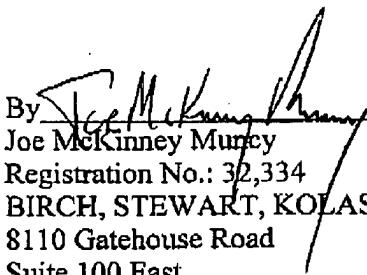
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- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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